

In Remembrance — The First Great War

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It's fair to say that it has been a rather busy and taxing time over the past week or so, and the impending holiday marking the end of hostilities in World War I can serve as a bit of a reprieve from the current chaos, allowing for a time of reflection. Our upload this month focuses entirely upon this conflict, with 30 different medals spanning from the war's beginning to end. These medals are often rich in iconography, like representing warfare at sea as an anthropomorphized ichthyic sea monster cradling torpedoes...



...or this massive medal thought to commemorate the war's end, with numerous representations from the animal kingdom not often seen on medals...



Then there are the poignant images, like the Christmastime truce, which was reached during the war's first yuletide holiday...



...or the beseeching of Jesus by a ravaged Belgium, seeking an answer and finding none...



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...or even further down the line of destruction, with the numerous children orphaned on account of the toll taken by the war...



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These and many other pieces present glimpses into this conflict that was sadly repeated not even three decades later. Though we've been able to avoid such a global face-off since, it is important to remember the places to which we have been and away from which we would be far better off remaining.

